The

# BUZZ WORD







If I had a day that I could give you, I'd give to you a day just like today.

John Denver/Barry Manilow

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The Vermont Veterans' Home was established in Bennington in 1884. It is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. The VVH offers a complete range of specialized care services for its residents. VVH goals focus on ensuring the dignity, independence, and the highest possible care and quality of life for each resident.

VVH is licensed to meet all levels of care for its residents and the VVH's departments and staff work together to provide those levels of care.

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#### From the Administrator... Melissa Jackson

To our Veterans, Members and VVH Families,

As the days grow shorter, the air gets crisp and the leaves change, VVH is preparing for the Fall and Winter months. We are in the process of getting approval for outdoor visitation shelters. These shelters will provide coverage from the weather, have lighting and a heat source. Once we have the final approval on a shelter, more information will be shared.



Unfortunately, if outdoor visits are needed when the shelters are in use, then appointments will have to be made in advance. We will utilize our previous visit-scheduling platform for this purpose. Directions on use will be sent in a separate letter to family members.

We are now preparing for the Pfizer COVID-19 Booster shots. Our staff will be administering the booster shot instead of having a vaccine clinic like we did for the initial vaccine. Once the logistics are complete, we will notify the Veterans, Members and families of the dates we will be administering the booster and if any consent information is required.

With the Holidays fast approaching we are focusing on how to make the Holidays special without the current ability to do facility-wide programs. Look for more information on this in the November Buzz Word and on our Facebook page.

Thank you again for all your support of the VVH staff during this very trying time. We realize that this ongoing pandemic has not been easy on anyone, especially for your loved ones or you.

Take care, Melissa

Melissa A. Jackson, MBA, FACHCA

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Enjoying
the
AAA
Glidden
Tour
of
Pre-WWII
vehicles



## From the Deputy Administrator Asa Morin

To our VVH Family and Friends,

First, I would like to extend a big thank you to the participants of The 75th Revival AAA Glidden Tour. It was wonderful to see the Veterans, members and their families enjoying themselves, spending time outside in the beautiful weather, and watching the 160 pre-WWII cars go by.

Second, as the holidays quickly approach we are seeking ways to provide meaningful activities to our Veterans, members and families. These will be modified from previous holiday seasons to be safe for all. We will inform you of activities as they are confirmed.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to talk about the Hospice services that are provided at the Veterans' Home. We work with both the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region and Bayada. Hospice services are in addition to the wonderful end of life care and services already provided by our staff. Additionally, Hospice provides bereavement services to families for 13 months after their loved one's passing. If you are interested in exploring this benefit, please contact your loved one's social worker.

#### Asa

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#### **OCTOBER FUN FACTS:**

TURNIPS were carved with faces and put in windows to ward off evil spirits, that is, until pumpkins which were larger and easier to carve made the scene.

**PRESIDENTS** — 6 U.S. Presidents were born in October

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK coincides with the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire when, as folk lore goes, Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern in the shed causing the city to burn from October 8-10.

BIRTH MONTH INFO — Astrological sign may be a Libra or Scorpio, birthstone is an Opal or Tourmaline, flower is the Marigold or Cosmos & official bird is the Swan.





I'm Cooking













I'm Serving

## **Fishin' and a pickin' in the afternoon**















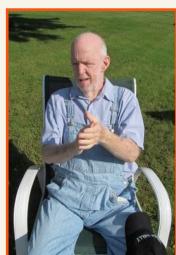






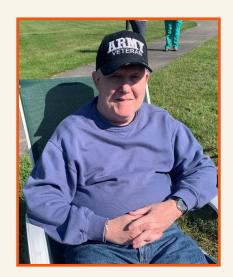






































































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#### In Loving Memory of Alexander R. Murray, Jr.

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**In Loving Memory of James Atwood** 

Susan Freeman

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**In Loving Memory of James Towslee** 

Cynthia Towslee

Why aren't koalas actual bears?



They don't meet the koal-ifications!



\* Joke provided by B. Bardsley \*

VVH Staff Recognition Years of Service

#### **ADMINITRATION**

Mary Ryan—3 years

#### **CLEANING, HOUSEKEEPING, LAUNDRY**

Paul Beddie—-8 years Randall Bates, Jr.—1 year

#### **DIETARY**

Vincent Barbiero—2 years
David Muir—2 years

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Jamie Percey—32 years Frank Bossong—7 years Mark Jaeger—4 years

#### **NURSING**

Becky Wilkinson—10 years Linda Shultz—8 years Laurie Dix—4 years Kristina Gahan—4 years Cynthia Murray—4 years Kylie Hoyt—2 years Lorna Finning—1 year

#### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

Christina Cosgrove—23 years Erik Springer—3 years



What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?

SQUASH!



#### THE BUZZ WORD

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- Vermont Veterans' Home website: www.vvh.vermont.gov Click on About Our Home Click on Newsletters
- Email
- Mailing List (postal)

To be added to our lists please contact:

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#### **VVH WISH LIST**

I-Pod Shuffles (4th Generation)



**Newspaper Subscriptions** 

Bingo Prizes Crafts Neck Pillows Stamps

CD Players I-Tune Cards Body Pillows Costume Jewelry

**Outdoor Benches** 

Two pocket front wheelchair/walker bags

Please make check for monetary donations out to Vermont Veterans' Home:

Vermont Veterans' Home Business Office 325 North Street Bennington, VT 05201

Your donations are gratefully accepted.

THANK YOU

Due to COVID-19, we are not able to accept: books, CDs, puzzles or used clothing. We will keep you posted when changes are made. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

#### **DONATION INFORMATION**

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Please indicate to which fund(s) you are donating:

#### Members Assistance:

Directly to Veterans/Members Furniture, Haircuts, Clothing Other personal needs

#### Namaste Program Fund:

Oils for relaxation Supplies, Equipment

#### **Unrestricted Fund:**

Facility equipment Large purchase

#### Activities Fund:

Entertainment

#### Music & Memory Fund:

iPods, Headphones, iTunes cards

#### **NEW: Veteran's Mobility Trail**

Monetary donations toward a paved walkway around the perimeter of the VVH



#### Howdy Folks,

Continuing with God's creation, I can't help but note that those leaves I mentioned last month are beginning to fall. The weakest leaves are coming down especially from the maples. Interestingly, there are leaves that fall early and some that hang on until way into October and November.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

God has a plan for those fallen leaves that cover the forest floor: to create a blanket of warmth for the critters who live and thrive on the ground nutrients, while we bag the leaves and bank exposed walls to keep the cold from reaching our interiors.

The coming of Fall is a reminder to many of us that there are things we must do to be ready for cold weather. The furnaces need to be checked, outside water faucets shut off or covered, some trees and fragile plants need to be mulched, and paints and cleaners brought in to prevent freezing—to name just a few.

As always, we should be thankful to live where the four seasons are prominent and evident. It is always a miracle to see and feel the changes that appear with the season.

Let's continue praying for an end to this pandemic and the affect on our Heroes here at the Veterans' Home. Remember to pray for these areas of our Country where fires, floods and disasters are occurring, and of course, pray for our Troops serving around the globe.



The Gideons have supplied us with a good supply of Bibles, so if you need a Bible please tell your nurse, social worker or one of the activities folks and we will get one to you.

God Bless, Chaplain Ken

# UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS TO REVEAL THE WORD LAVESE \_\_ \_ \_ NAYCD \_\_ \_\_ TUNUAM \_ \_ \_ \_ SPLPAE \_ \_ \_ \_ TSHGOS \_ \_ \_ SVRTAEH \_ \_ \_ \_ AROCWSECR \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

ANSWERS: LEAVES, CANDY, AUTUMN, APPLES, GHOSTS, HARVEST, SCARECROW













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